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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview 2/21/01

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Type: ☐ Telephonic ☐ Televideo Conference ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, brief description: Slideshow & an attachment

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☐ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: All

Identification of prior art discussed:

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant clarified his theoretical viewpoint. Slide show referred to experimental data. Examiners advised that evidence must be submitted with the amendment in response to the outstanding office action. Applicant asked that an attachment be included.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary. A FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has been ready been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an attachment to another form.

ATTACHMENT TO  
INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Counsel for applicant requested disclosure of the following information as being reasonably related to the prosecution of the pending patent applications:

- 1) Identification of all Examiners and/or other Patent Office personnel, other than those ~~who were~~ identified in the pending Office Actions, who were consulted, or otherwise provided input, in the formulation of the rejections of record;
- 2) Identification of all outside consultants and/or other technical personnel, including, but not limited to, those of NIST, who were consulted, or otherwise provided input, in the formulation of the rejections of record;

3) Identification of all Patent Office officials responsible for the withdrawal of App'n Ser. No. 009,294 from issuance, and clarification of the factual

circumstances surrounding that withdrawal;  
and

4) Identification of any and all outside sources of information that may have precipitated, or otherwise contributed to, the Patent Office's withdrawal of App'n. Ser. No. 009,294 from issuance.

The Patent office disagrees with Applicant's counsel that the above-identified information requested at the interview is germane to the issues raised in the pending Office Actions. The Patent office, therefore, <sup>refused to</sup> ~~will not~~ respond to these lines of inquiry during the interview.